

OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES
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Supporting and informing your municipality's land use, natural resource and sustainable community planning objectives

The NJDEP Office of Planning and Sustainable Communities (OPSC) assists NJ municipalities striving to improve the quality of their land use, natural resource and sustainability planning and decision-making. OPSC proactively advocates, within NJDEP and NJDCA's Office of Smart Growth, for comprehensive, collaborative and coordinated municipal planning consistent with environmental capacity and regulations, smart growth and sustainable development.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE from our staff of experienced planners and sustainable community experts.

Actively participate in OSG's **PLAN ENDORSEMENT** process and provide direct guidance to communities' plans for center-based development and community greening.

WEB PAGE serves as valuable information source:

- ◆ Model and sample ordinances and plans on an array of environmental and planning topics.
- ◆ Guidance documents:
 - "Sustainability Guide for Developers and Communities" (including green design)
 - "How to Become an Environmentally Sustainable Community"
 - "A Guide to Sustainable Grants and Loans that Support Sustainability Initiatives"
 - "How to Conduct an Energy Audit"
 - "Green Purchasing: A Guide for Local Governments and Communities"
- ◆ A comprehensive set of links to:
 - environmental capacity-based planning entities, including DEP regulatory programs
 - general planning entities and tools
 - sustainable community planning resources
 - sustainable community partners in NJ
 - sustainable communities in the US and other nations

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